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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112, 1.121

In response to an Office Action mailed April 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following pages.

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a. Introductory Comments

Claims 1 – 17 were originally filed. Claims 1, 3 – 6, and 15 – 19 are presently pending.

The Office Action has withdrawn claims 7 – 14 (Group II) based on a provisional election that was made in response to a telephonic restriction requirement.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 15 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,321,501 ('501) and rejects claims 2-6 and 16-17 as obvious over a combination of the '501 patent and U.S. Patent 5,956,355 ('355).

This response confirms the election to prosecute claims 1-6 and 15-17 (Group I); amends claims 1, 3 - 6, 15, and 16; cancels claim 2, and adds new claims 18 and 19.

Applicants request reconsideration.